UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN JOSE DIVISION

ASUS COMPUTER INTERNATIONAL, et

Plaintiffs,

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INTERDIGITAL, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 15-cv-01716-BLF

ORDER REQUESTING SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEFING ON DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO COMPEL ARBITRATION AND DISMISS CLAIMS FOR LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, STAY PROCEEDINGS PENDING ARBITRATION

This order concerns Defendants' pending motion to compel arbitration and dismiss claims for lack of subject matter jurisdiction, or in the alternative, stay proceedings pending arbitration.

See ECF No. 37. In their briefing on the motion and at oral argument, the parties agreed that Delaware state law governs the threshold question of whether the Court or arbitrator decides arbitrability.

On August 11, 2015, the Ninth Circuit issued a decision in *Brennan v. Opus Bank*, --- F.3d ---, 2015 WL 4731378 (9th Cir. 2015). Contrary to the parties' arguments, this Ninth Circuit decision appears to hold that federal law should govern the question of whether the parties clearly and unmistakably agreed to have an arbitrator decide the threshold question of arbitrability.

Accordingly, each side is requested to file a supplemental letter brief of no more than two pages, double spaced, addressing the impact of *Brennan* on the Court's determination of whether the parties clearly and unmistakably agreed that non-federal law applies to determine arbitrability. The parties shall submit the supplemental letter briefs, **on or before August 17, 2015**. There will be no replies to these submissions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 12, 2015

BETH LABSON FREEMAN United States District Judge